

National Advisory Group for Integrative Planning

Notes from Meeting on 10 February 2012

Present: Roxane Miller (University of Waikato), Mary-Sue Severn (LINZ), Ben White (NZTA), Jennie McMurrin (MAF), Andrew Gunn (MAF), Charlotte Cudby (MAF), Beat Huser (Waikato RC), David Hermans (MfE), Clare Sims (MfE), Todd Webb (MfE), Melanie Thornton (Greater Wellington RC), Michael Tucker (AC), Stephen Oakley (Statistics New Zealand), Clare Wooding (LGNZ), Peter Salter (MSD), Karl Majorhazi (MfE), David Silvester (NZTA), Urlwyn Trebilco (Waikato RC), Vicky Forgie (EERNZ)

Apologies: Jacques Poot (University of Waikato), Jane Davis (Greater Wellington RC), David Clelland (AC), Marjan van den Belt (EERNZ)

Chair: David Hermans

Purpose of Meeting

To discuss:

- Sharing data and information for integrated planning
- The role of spatial planning outside of Auckland
- Roundtable updates
- Update on the Sustainable Pathways (SP2) Project

Introduction

David Hermans (MfE) introduced the meeting

Beat Huser (WRC) gave a brief summary of the last meeting and re-iterated some key points from the Terms of Reference (ToR), including:

- Purpose of NAGIP is to provide direction (good practice) and coordination for development and application of systems to support integrated planning; whereby:
 - Systems: data management, GIS/models, DSS, open data/data catalogues, standards/protocols, interoperability etc
 - Integration: spatial (e.g. land/water); within and between organisations; central/local government; legislations (e.g. RMA/LGA/LTMA); environment/economy/people (well-beings).
- Membership: senior staff from Central and Local government, plus reps from research providers (CRIs/universities).
- Member's role:
 - Be a point of contact
 - Communicate meeting outcomes to representing organisation and networks
 - Seek input and feedback from representing organisation
 - Attend and participate in meetings

Spatial Planning Outside of Auckland

David Hermans (MfE) gave an update on MfE's RMI work programme and in particular discussed the policy work being done on the role of spatial planning outside of Auckland. MfE were particularly interested in hearing and understanding NAGIP members' experiences in developing and implementing spatial (or integrated/strategic) plans in New Zealand.

An MfE-commissioned report on New Zealand spatial planning case-studies was circulated in confidence to meeting attendees in order to facilitate discussion.

Things discussed in the roundtable discussion included:

- The barriers to implementation of spatial plans
 - Practical barriers e.g. numbers of council's involved can make it extremely hard to reach agreement and make hard decisions
 - The role of and relationship between the RMA and LGA in facilitating effective integrated planning (does the RMA need to be changed, or just re-interpreted?)
 - Lack of central government direction e.g. national policy statements
 - National, regional and local interests are often competing
 - Central government alignment and buy-in
 - Institutional barriers to bringing information together e.g. geographic information systems
- Experiences with central government in spatial planning efforts
 - Often hard to get central government involvement (with some exceptions)

MfE agreed to keep NAGIP members informed, as far as practicable, about progress with the RMI work programme, and specifically the exploration of spatial planning outside of Auckland.

Roundtable updates

NAGIP members updated meeting attendees on relevant developments and work underway in their organisations or jurisdictions. Action-related points from this discussion included:

- Waikato Regional Council (Urlwyn) agreed to circulate a document on a "potential strategic spatial planning model for the Waikato region"
- LINZ (Mary-Sue) announced that Wellington will be hosting the 2012 Digital Earth Summit from 2-4 September, and invited NAGIP members to stay in touch as more details emerge
- Waikato Regional Council (Beat) circulated material on the development of a web-based directory of spatial models and other decision support systems (funded by

Envirolink) and invited anyone interested to be find out more information, or become involved.

Sustainable Pathway (SP2) – for powerpoint [click here](#).

Vicky Forgie (Ecological Economics Research NZ, Massey University) gave an update of the MSI-funded 'Sustainable Pathways' (SP2) project, see www.sp2.org.nz

- Mediated modelling (MM) is complete in Wellington, and finishing in Auckland on 15 March 2012. MM is a process to develop system dynamics models with stakeholders to provide an integrated picture (from the stakeholders perspective) of how key variables relate to each other and how these interlinkages interact overtime when time lags are taken into account.
- The MM research stream has an action research component that documents at the beginning the expected outcomes and then compares these with what actually happened. This is to ensure lessons learned along the way are captured for benefit transfer.
- NAGIP members were invited to provide feedback on the reports to add their insights to the action research.

If you are interested in reviewing and providing feedback on SP2 project outputs please contact Vicky (v.e.forgie@massey.ac.nz)